basis'. The remaining lockers could be allotted by the branch managers at their discretion to valued customers on business considerations .

3. The banks should not insist on fixed deposits as a pre-requisite for allotment of lockers. There will, however, be no objection to banks seeking a deposit (but not as a condition for allotment) from the applicant who has been allotted a locker, the annual interest from which would not be more than the annual rent of the lockers. In the alternative, advance payment °f locker rent for a period of three years may be collected from the looker holders. Lockers holders who opt for annual payment of rent and default in payment, should not be allowed to operate their lockers till the arrears of rent are cleared.

(c) and (d) The instructions issued by Reserve Bank of India are in the nature of guidelines to be observed by the banks. Complaints regarding non-observance of the guidelines brought to the notice of the GovernmentjReserve Bank *oi* India, would be looked into for remedial measures.

Allotment of Lockers by the Central Bank of India, Gole Market Branch, New Delhi

270. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of customers to whom lockers were allotted by the Central Bank of India, Gole Market Branch,. New Delhi during 1983 and 1984;

(b) what is the number of customers out of them from whom deposits were taken and the total amount of deposits thus collected;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fixed Deposit receipts are also kept by the bank with itself; if so, under what rules;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the interest accrued on these deposits is credited to the saving account of the customers once a year while the normal rule is to credit the interest on deposits quarterly;

(e)| if so, what action has been, taken or is proposed to be taken against the officials of the bank for Violating the rule in this regard; and'

(f) whether Government propose to direct the bank to return the fixed deposit receipts to the depositors who ask for the same and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY' OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Central Bank of India, Gole Market Branch, New Delhi, allotted 109 and 18 lockers to customers during 1983 and 1984 (upto June, 1984) respectively .

(b) Out of 127 customers who were allotted lockers, deposits amounting to Rs. 88,900, were taken from 95 customers.

(c) to (e) It is not obligatory for the customers to purchase fixed deposits for obtaining lockers. However, the bank branch had suggested to customers to purchase fixed deposits of nominal, amounts so that rent of the lockers could be met from the :nterest and they need not come to the bank every time to depoosit the rent. Some of them accepted the suggestions since it was convenient to them. Some customers have kept the Time Deposit Receipts with the bank. The bank recovers the rent of the lockers annually! from the interest accrued on the deposits with the consent of the customers.

(f) The bank returns the Deposit Receipts to the Depositors on demand.

Violation of Air Safety Rules by the Indian Airlines Staff

271. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many safety rules relating to air